

HOW DO THEY START

Another Mysterious Conflagration
Late Last Night.

BARN AND TWO SHEDS BURNED

Tramps Thought to Be the Cause,
as the Caut Nighters Are Driving
Them Under Shelter.

Several barns and uncoupled residences have burned within the past few weeks from causes unknown, and from circumstantial evidence it has been thought they were set on fire by tramps. Hardly a night passes that a patrolman does not arrest one of these festive nomads for sleeping in barns, sheds or box cars. They are becoming quite numerous in the city and the increased number of fires late at night, the origin of which cannot be definitely determined, lead many to suspect tramps. The police officials request persons to notify the station of all suspicious characters prowling around their buildings.

Last night at 10:30 a barn belonging to William Vanaman of No. 115 Lake avenue, a shed owned by J. Daveman of No. 124, and another shed in the same vicinity at No. 33 Holbrook street, were destroyed by fire. An alarm was turned in from boxes Nos. 23 and 34, but the buildings were destroyed. The origin of these fires could not be learned, as there was no fire in the vicinity from which they could be kindled. The only cause conjectured was that tramps may have been smoking in one of the buildings and a lighted match dropped in the dry litter.

City News in Brief.

The Rev. O. J. Blackford of the upper peninsula preached in the Division Street M. E. church last evening. Mr. Blackford is on his way to Detroit to attend the Detroit Methodist Episcopal conference which convenes there on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bowne will leave for Chicago this afternoon. After doing the fair for a few days Mr. Bowne will take a business trip to the Dakotas, leaving Mrs. Bowne in Chicago until his return.

A snail kept staid about \$4 worth of meat from George Klamke's delivery wagon on South Division street Saturday evening when the horse was hitched in front of his market.

The directors of the New State Bank of Michigan express themselves as well pleased with the bank's first year's business. Its record shows a constant and steady growth.

Ed McWilliams, the old soldier at the soldiers' home who cut his throat Saturday afternoon, was reported to be out of danger last night and in a fair way to recover.

The Midway Ten of the Second Baptist church will give a fish pond social at the residence of Miss Ella McMillan, No. 149 Broadway next Thursday evening.

Burdette L. Bowne, W. Bonnell and Morgan Smith will leave on the 1:25 train this afternoon for Princeton college to enter upon the coming year's work.

Albert H. Pattengill of Ann Arbor, associate professor of Greek in the University of Michigan, was a guest in the New Livingston yesterday.

Miss Alice Patnam and Mrs. Lovica Turner of No. 479 South Lafayette street are expected to return from the world's fair today.

This week the city schools will be fully supplied with free stationery supplies. The total cost for a year falls below \$3,000.

The venerable brick building at the Western Michigan college on Washington street will be torn down this week.

Born—Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Benjamin, No. 23 James street, a 5-pound daughter.

Wheat is now 61 cents a bushel and flour has been advanced 20 cents a barrel in the local market.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mayer of No. 370 Jefferson avenue, an 8½-pound boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Van Dyke of Lowell spent Sunday in the city with friends.

The Avery mission will dedicate its new Lyon street chapel next Sunday.

Fred Squires is seriously sick with pneumonia.

C. W. Haak of Lethers was in the city yesterday.

Doctors Combine for Protection.

The movement among physicians, mentioned in THE HERALD some time ago, has culminated in the organization of the Grand Rapids Physician Protection Association to aid physicians in collecting their bills and protecting themselves in regard to patients who do not pay doctor bills. This class of patients will be put on a black list so that other members may look out for them. The association is composed of about 100 of the leading physicians of the city and Horace P. Henderson has been engaged as attorney and collector.

Daily Concerts Discontinued.

Daily band concerts were discontinued at the band's lake pavilion at 6 o'clock last evening and hereafter the band will play only Sundays. The pavilion will be kept open several weeks yet, but preparations are being made to close the season as the cold weather approaches and the patronage decreases. The one more work day special concert will be given this season, which will be given later. The crowd at the lake yesterday was considerably smaller than for any other day this season.

Funeral of James White.

The funeral of James White, whose body was found in the river Friday evening, was held from the residence on Colburn at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. The funeral was largely attended, the A. O. U. W. of which he was a member, attending in a body. The society to the number of 150 members, most of the houses in Fulton street park, where carriages were provided to take them to Valley City cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. T. Hurst.

Saturday Night Burglary.

Duggan's grocery, at the corner of Milwaukee and Lyon streets, was burglarized Saturday night and a quantity of canned fruit, cakes, pies, and butter was taken. The burglars entered the building through a cellar window. The same store was burglarized about two weeks ago and articles of the same nature were taken. The value of the stolen goods could not be estimated.

East Street Missionary Officers.

The Women's Missionary society of the East Street M. E. church has elected

of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss Letitia Maud, vice president, Miss Letitia Maud, recording secretary, Miss Stella Maud, corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. N. Wilson; treasurer, Miss Letitia Maud.

CONGRESS OF RELIGIONS.

The Rev. H. Dugby Johnston, Observer-White in Attendance.

The Rev. H. Dugby Johnston, pastor of the Unitarian church, gave the first of an intended Sunday evening series of talks on his observations of the congress of world's religions held in Chicago last week in the Ladies' Literary club house last evening. There was a large audience present and Mr. Johnston's description of that great and intelligent body of men and women and the manner in which it worked was interesting and comprehensive. The great congress was presided over by Dr. Barrows of Chicago and Lloyd Jones acted as secretary. It was composed of 5,000 representatives of the ten religions of the world who came from all of the countries of Europe and Asia. The Protestant, the Catholic, the Buddhist, the Mohammedan and followers of Confucius, all worked in harmony and for the interests of religion. The meeting was called together by ten strokes from old liberty bell, the ten strokes representing the ten religions. The meeting was harmonious, the attendees forgetting all religious differences and all utterances of dogmatism were passed without recognition, but utterances in favor of religion were received with applause. It was not a congress of theology, but a congress of the world's religions. The opening prayer was made by Cardinal Gibbons and before the business of each session was taken up for silent prayer, in which each person could worship according to the dictates of his own conscience. Mr. Johnston said the harmonious intermingling of representatives of the various religions in that congress marked a long stride from the period of persecutions. Mr. Johnston will continue his lectures for a few Sunday evenings.

WORLD'S RELIGIOUS CONGRESS.

Dr. Burford Thinks It Will Have No Influence Upon Christianity.

The Rev. Dr. Spruille Burford, of New York, for many years rector of St. Mark's church in this city, was a guest in Sweet's yesterday. In the morning he attended services at Trinity church and in the evening conducted services in the same church. Earlier in the evening he dined with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Uhl in their residence on Fountain street. The doctor left on the night train for Chicago where he will attend the religious congress now in session there. "Personally I do not think the congress will have the slightest effect upon religious thought," said he. "By religion I, of course, refer to the Christian religion; for that is the only one we recognize. The delegates will listen to the papers and essays on the subject of religion, but Christian theology has nothing in common with Buddhism, Confucianism, Mohammedanism and Parseeism. It can have nothing in common with them. We found our religion upon the belief that Jesus Christ is the son of God. The others do not. Here is an insurmountable wall to religious unity. We cannot say that Christ is only a philosopher, such as Socrates, Plato, or Confucius without destroying our theology, or our faith. I may say. What then will it profit us to discuss the creeds of other beliefs? The religious congress is a great good thing, but it is not a Christian thing. It cannot shake the faith of the Christian in the divinity of Jesus Christ." This is Dr. Burford's first visit to Grand Rapids in eight years. When here he was one of the most beloved clergymen in the city and has scores of friends among the older residents.

ENJOYED A GOOD REST.

Dr. Campbell Fair Talks of His Visit in Dublin.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair who spent four weeks near Dublin, Ireland, recently, says he has never enjoyed a time of such perfect rest as were those four weeks. Dr. Fair has relatives in Dublin city and county, and it was with them that he visited and rested. He spent most of his time on the seashore at Marion beach, a most beautiful spot. The weather was perfect. Ireland's most beautiful days were never more beautiful, clear, sunshiny and balmy. He visited the old church and school where as a boy he attended worship and coned his daily lessons. Dr. Fair says he found all his relatives well and enjoyed a visit with them as well as with old time friends. He heard of no hard times in Ireland. The harvest was unusually rich and everyone seemed prosperous.

WHY SUGAR IS SCARCE.

Some Reasons From Secretary of American Refining Co.

New York, Sept. 17.—Regarding the inability of grocers, wholesale and retail, to obtain all the refined sugar they need because of the alleged restricted production of the refineries, J. E. Seabury, secretary of the American Sugar Refining company, said: "The shortage of the supply of refined sugar is not the fault of this company, but is due to the fact that the wholesale grocers, by reason of the stringency of the money market, allowed their stocks to get absorbed last week. Then, with the commencement of the fruit canning season and a corresponding demand by the retailers, they were unable to supply their customers. In anticipation of a large demand this company accumulated a very large stock of refined sugar, so large that we were criticized for doing so. We shipped it as promptly as the orders for it were received from the wholesalers, and are running our refineries full time and shipping the daily product as fast as possible. The statement that the scarcity of refined sugar is due to restricted production by the refineries, who were compelled to restrict during the recent panic, is absurd. The only reason for it is the one I have stated. We are only too glad to keep our men at work, and we did so, with the result that in the absence of buying orders we accumulated a stock of refined sugar that was supposed to be ample to meet all possible demands."

Cracked a Safe.

Bay City, Mich., Sept. 17.—The village of Standish, August county, was looted by burglars Saturday evening. They broke into Armstrong & Dougherty's blacksmith shop and the Michigan Central tool house for tools, with which they proceeded to A. H. Wells, hardware store. Here the money drawers were robbed. J. A. Backus & Co.'s safe was cracked and robbed of \$20. The burglars then went to the Gray Milling Company's flouring mill and began work at the safe, when they were frightened away, leaving their tools behind.

The Modern Beauty.

Thrives on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her face blooms with its beauty. If her system needs the cleansing action of a laxative remedy, she uses the gentle and pleasant liquid laxative, Syrup of Figs.

Michigan Pensions.

David Jensen, Pearl, Allegan county; David Pontus, Berrien Springs, Berrien county; Nathaniel N. Greene, Hadley, Lapeer county; Horace Johnson, Cascade, Kent county; Francis M. Woodruff, Rockford, Kent county; Increase Zars, W. Moore, Pipestone, Berrien county; James McCollister, Lake Odessa, Ionia county; Reineuse-Nelson Chamberlain, deceased, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw county; Original, widows, etc.; Eliza Riveria Vest, Bay City, Bay county; Mexican war survivor, increase—Charles G. Dodge, Ithaca, Grafton county.

A Wonderful Machine.

There is no doubt that man is a fine mechanism, but like every other machine he wears out by friction. It is said that he is born again every two or three years. His body is virtually remade from food. To retard this making over is radically wrong, as a man loses so much vitality in the delayed process that it takes a long time to recuperate. The process of making anew is so accelerated by purging with Brandreth's Pills that a new man, as it were, may be made in two or three months, and the change in the mechanism is such that the worn out part is replaced by the new without the usual running down of the entire machine. You don't have to stop for repairs. Purge away with Brandreth's Pills the old, diseased and worn out body. They are purely vegetable, absolutely harmless, and safe to take at any time.

One Fare Excursions to Chicago.

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The C. & W. M. and D. L. & N. lines will sell tickets to Chicago and return via St. Joe and boat and via all rail route, at one fare for round trip, on Sept. 14, 19, 21 and 25. Return limit ten days.

Sept. 25 and 26 will be Oddfellows' days at the World's fair, and a great celebration is expected. State and other celebrations are of frequent occurrence, with illuminations, fireworks, etc., almost every night.

Ask ticket agents for full information as to trains, rates, etc.

GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

Ten minute service will be given by the North Park Railway company to the West Michigan Fair all this week.

Trains to the West Michigan Fair.

The C. & W. M. and G. R. & L. Co.'s will run special trains to the West Michigan Fair next week as follows:

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Interest on deposits - 4%

Interest on loans - 6%

Interest on real estate - 5%

Interest on government bonds - 4%

Interest on United States bonds - 4%

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